Robert Beltran

Robert Adame Beltran (born November 19, 1953) is an American actor, known for his role as Commander Chakotay on the 1990s television series *Star Trek: Voyager*. He is also known for stage acting in California, and for playing Raoul Mendoza in the 1982 black comedy film *Eating Raoul*.

Robert Beltran	
at Fedcon 15 Convention (2006)	
Born	Robert Adame Beltran November 19, 1953 Bakersfield, California, U.S.
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1981–present
Children	Marlena Beltran[1]
Relatives	Louie Cruz Beltran (brother)

Early life

Beltran was born in Bakersfield, California, the son of Aurelia and Luis Beltran Perez,[2] who were immigrants from Mexico. Beltran attended East Bakersfield High School and Bakersfield College. He has two sisters and seven brothers, including Latin Jazz musician Louie Cruz Beltran.

Career

Beltran graduated from California State University, Fresno with a degree in Theater Arts and moved to Los Angeles to begin his acting career. He had his first film role in *Zoot Suit* in 1981, but his breakthrough came in 1982 when he played the title character in the independently produced dark comedy *Eating Raoul*. Beltran had a supporting role as Chuck Norris' partner Trooper Kayo Ramos in the 1983 film *Lone Wolf McQuade*. He then starred in the 1984 TV movie *The Mystic Warrior* as Native American brave Ahbleza, and as Hector in 1984's *Night of the Comet*. He played Father Michael in a 1993 episode of “Murder She Wrote” (S9, E12) He played Commander Chakotay, the Native American first officer of the starship *Voyager*, in the science fiction television series *Star Trek: Voyager* from 1995 to 2001. During this time, he won the Nosotros Golden Eagle Award for Outstanding Actor in a Television Series in 1997. He was also nominated in 1996 for the NCLR Bravo Award for Outstanding Television Series Actor in a Crossover Role, and the ALMA Award for Outstanding Individual Performance in a Television Series in a Crossover Role in 1998 and 1999.

Beltran founded and co-directed the East LA Classic Theater Group. He is also a member of the Classical Theater Lab, an ensemble of professional actors who co-produced his production of *Hamlet* in 1997, which he directed and starred in.

Beltran has collaborated with amateur actors in performing plays and scenes of plays of William Shakespeare. He produced and starred in a Los Angeles production of "The Big Knife" by Clifford Odets, a play which explores the Hollywood environment under the big studio system of the 1940s.[3]

In May 2009, Beltran played the dual roles of Don Fermin and Older Eusebio in the American Conservatory Theaters staging of José Rivera's *Boleros for the Disenchanted*. He had the recurring role of Jerry Flute in Seasons 3 and 4 of HBO's *Big Love*.[4]

Recordings

Latino Poetry Excerpts from a live performance by Beltran (recorded at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, California, April 2002)

Theater

Year	Title	Role	Director	Writer	Theatre	Notes
1979	*California Shakespeare Festival*	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
1980	*Bard in the Box Tour*					
1980	*La Pastorela*	Luzbel			El Teatro Campesino	
1981	*A Midsummer Night's Dream*	Oberon		William Shakespeare	California Shakespeare Festival	
1981	*Henry IV, Part 1* & *Henry IV, Part 2*	Unknown				
1981	*Hamlet*	Hamlet	Robert Beltran and Kris Tabori		Actors Gang Theatre	
1981	*Romeo and Juliet*	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
1981	*The Taming of the Shrew*	Petraccio				
1983	*Corridos*	Unknown			El Teatro Campesino	
1985	*The Quartered Man*	Agent	Mark Travis	Donald Freed	Los Angeles Theatre Center	
1986	*I Don't Have to Show You No Stinkin' Badges*	Sunny	Tony Curiel	Luis Valdez	San Diego Repertory Theatre	
1987	*Stars in the Morning Sky*	Unknown	Bill Bushnell	Alexander Galin	Los Angeles Theatre Center	
1988	*A Burning Beach*	Cuba	Bill Bushnell and Jose Luis Valenzuela	Eduardo Machado		
1989	*Macbeth*	Banquo	Des McAnuff	William Shakespeare	Mandell Weiss Center	
1991	*Windows*	The Lieutenant	Robert Egan	Ariel Dorfman and Tony Kushner	Los Angeles Theatre Center	
1993	*A Touch of the Poet*	Cornelius	Rubén Sierra	Eugene O'Neill	Cal State L.A.	
1997	*Hamlet*	Unknown	Unknown	William Shakespeare	Unknown	
2003	*The Big Knife*	Charlie Castle	Tonyo Melendez	Clifford Odets	Lillian Theatre	
2009	*Henry IV, Part 1* & *Henry IV, Part 2*	Unknown	Unknown	William Shakespeare	Unknown	

2009	*Boleros for the Disenchanted*	Don Fermin/Eusebio	Carey Perloff	José Rivera	American Conservatory Theater	
2009	*Solitude*	The Man	Jose Luis Valenzuela	Evelina Fernandez	Los Angeles Theatre Center	
2011	*Devil's Advocate*	General Noriega		Donald Freed		

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1981	*Zoot Suit*	Lowrider	
1982	*Eating Raoul*	Raoul Mendoza	
1983	*Lone Wolf McQuade*	Arcadio "Kayo" Ramos	
1984	*Night of the Comet*	Hector Gomez	
1985	*Latino*	Eddie Guerrero	
1987	*Slam Dance*	Frank	
1987	*Gaby: A True Story*	Luis	
1988	*The Bulldance*	Jack	
1989	*Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills*	Juan	
1990	*El Diablo*	El Diablo	
1991	*Kiss Me a Killer*	Tony Montero	
1991	*To Die Standing*	Juan Delgado	
1991	*Bugsy*	Alejandro	
1995	*500 Nations*		
1995	*Nixon*	Frank Sturgis	
1997	*Managua*	Ramon	
1997	*Trekkies*	Himself	Documentary
1997	*How Else Am I Supposed to Know I'm Still Alive*		
1999	*Luminarias*	Joe	
2000	*Fahrenheit 452: The Art Police*		Short
2002	*Foto-Novelas*		
2009	*Repo Chick*	Aguas	
2009	*Taking Chances*	Joseph Sleeping Bear	
2013	*Water & Power*		
2013	*Free Birds*	Chief Massasoit (voice)	
2018	*Magic Lantern*	Ed	
2019	*The Circuit*		

2020	*Butterflies*	James	Short

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1984	*Calendar Girl Murders*	Mooney	TV movie
1984	*The Mystic Warrior*	Ahbleza	TV movie
1985	*Street Hawk*	Marty Walsh	1.5-hour pilot
1986	*The Family Martinez*	Hector Martinez	TV movie
1987	*CBS Summer Playhouse*	Howard Thunder	Episode: "Barrington"
1987	*Private Eye*	Miguel Brojas	Episode: "Barrio Nights"
1988	*The Bronx Zoo*	Mike	Episode: "A Day in the Life"
1989	*Miami Vice*	Amendez	Episode: "Freefall"
1990	*Sisters*	Mike Perez	TV movie
1990	*El Diablo*	El Diablo	TV movie
1990	*Midnight Caller*	Carlos Valenzuela	
1991	*The Chase*	Mike Silva	TV movie
1991	*Veronica Clare*	Duke Rado	
1991	*La Pastorela*	Luzbel	
1992	*Stormy Weathers*	Gio	TV movie
1993	*Shadow Hunter*	Frank Totsoni	TV movie
1993	*Rio Shannon*	Tito Carson	TV movie
1993–1994	*Murder, She Wrote*	Frank Garcia / Father Michael	
1994	*Lois & Clark*	Fuentes / Murphy	
1994	*Models, Inc.*	Lt. Louis Soto	
1994	*State of Emergency*	Raoul Hernandez	TV movie
1995	*Runway One*	Ramon Perez	TV movie
1995–2001	*Star Trek: Voyager*	Commander Chakotay	main cast; 172 episodes
1999	*Ultimate Trek: Star Trek's Greatest Moments*	Chakotay (archive footage)	
2001	*2001 ALMA Awards*	Himself - Presenter	TV special
2003	*CSI: Miami*	Judge Ojeda	Episode: "Tinder Box"
2005	*Manticore*	Sgt. Baxter	TV movie
2007	*Fire Serpent*	Cooke	TV movie
2007	*Medium*	Father Armando Avilar	Episode: "Whatever Possessed You"
2007	*Cry of the Winged Serpent*	Father Juan	TV movie

2009–2011	*Big Love*	Jerry Flute	
2012	*Young Justice*	Maurice Bodaway (voice)	Episode: "Beneath"
2022	*Star Trek: Prodigy*	Captain Chakotay (voice)	Episode: "Kobayashi"

Video games

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2000	*Star Trek: Voyager – Elite Force*	Cmdr. Chakotay	

Notable awards and nominations

Year	Association	Category	Nominated work	Result
1996	NCLR Bravo Award	Outstanding Television Series Actor in a Crossover Role	*Star Trek: Voyager*	Nominated
1997	Nosotros Golden Eagle Award	Outstanding Actor in a Television Series		Won
1998	ALMA Award	Outstanding Individual Performance in a Television Series in a Crossover Role		Nominated
1999				Nominated

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